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FROM	Chief, Main Operations Group []		20 April 1961
SUBJECT	CAMOG/ [] UPHILL/Operational Contacts of Dr. Wilhelm BEISNER []		RE "433" - (CHECK "X" ONE) X MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ DESK ONLY
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REFERENCES	EGOA-14075, 3 April 1961		
<p>1. Reference was read with great interest here and we would like to add a few remarks which may help clarify, and also complicate, the letter to Dr. Wilhelm BEISNER.</p> <p>2. The writer of the letter in Reference, listed as G. FISCHER or FISCHER, P. O. Box 635, Damascus, Syria, is almost certainly (Dr.) George FISCHER Businessman Rue Georg Hadda 22/7, Damascus</p> <p>whom we suspect may be identical with the former SS Major Alois Anton BRUNNER (we are concurrently writing another dispatch on FISCHER and BRUNNER). FISCHER, according to several sources, is an agent and advisor of the Syrian GID, and is a close friend of Dr. Franz RADEMACHER ([] aka F. Bartolome (Tome) ROSSELLO plus numerous variations thereof</p> <p>a member of the Gestapo from 1937-1945 and Nazi Foreign Office during part of WW II. Sometime between 1952-54 RADEMACHER fled from Germany to Syria to escape punishment for his anti-Semitic activities during the war. He also is reported to be an agent and advisor to the Syrian GID.</p> <p>3. Both BRUNNER and RADEMACHER collaborate closely with [] in Damascus.</p> <p>4. "The lawyer El Am" referred to in Reference as having visited Hermann SCHAEFER [] a few weeks ago is certainly one of the four Shaykh al-ARD brothers well known in Syria. He is possibly SHAYKH AL-ARD Dr. Hajj Shaykh al-ARD (Believed to have been in touch with KUBARK until 1959),</p> <p>who accompanied Rashid BARBIR [] and SCHAEFER to Beirut in December 1960 (MSDA 3669, 15 December 1960). He was in Geneva on 22 March 1961 visiting his brother Fakhri Shaykh al-ARD who is the Saudi Arabian Minister to Switzerland.</p> <p>seems quite certain that UPHILL has some contact with BEISNER who is now linked into the FISCHER-ROSSELLO complex in Damascus. From developments over the past year both UPHILL and CAVATA appear very interested in getting SCHAEFER, UPHILL has at least four agents or contacts around him (Rashid BARBIR [] ; Egon MANN [] ; 52396, 6 December 1960; Karl Heinz GRASCH [] ; and []</p>			
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Most of these people have at one time or another expressed their dislike of SCHAEFER and appear to be gunning for him. In Reference letter BEISNER and FISCHER have evidently been corresponding about SCHAEFER, and their intention towards him is clear. The letter also refers to SPAETH who was in Munich in March and in contact with UPHILL. We conjecture that it was SPAETH's visit that prompted UPHILL to query us about SCHAEFER (MUNI-4892, 15 March 1961 and MUNI-4966, 21 March 1961); and that UPHILL's primary interest here is SCHAEFER and not an attempt to smoke out KUBARK Middle East assets (i.e., []).

6. This conjecture is further supported by recent discussions with UPHILL about SPAETH (see EGMA-53882, 2 March 1961 for background). On 7 March UPHILL stated that SPAETH is very useful for double agent work, and that their interest is due to one of his contacts described by UPHILL as a "deadly enemy" whom SPAETH also hates. UPHILL suspects this "enemy" is an "Eastern agent" and is trying to use SPAETH to get at him. We are confident that this person is none other than Hermann SCHAEFER.

F. MOG traces:

a. FISCHER aka ROSSELLO: NSDA-3507, 27 June 1960; NSDA-3515, 11 July 1960; ESDW-1875, 12 August 1960; EGMA-52089, 16 November 1960; EGMA-52396, 6 December 1960 and EGMA-52780, 28 December 1960.

b. SPAETH: As noted in Reference.

c. von DOHA: No identifiable traces.

d. KIRCHFELD: As noted in Reference.

e. al-ARD: NSDA-3664 and NSDA-3669, both 15 December 1960.

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